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OGC 73-1180

27 June 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Jury Duty

1. I met with Judge M. Raymond McGowan yesterday, 26 June 1973, to discuss the circumstances that confront some Agency employees when they are called for jury duty. I explained that some of our employees have no visible employment relationship with the Agency, but are in fact Agency employees and they are required by law to protect this ostensible employment relationship. I told him that one such employee, [REDACTED] had been recently summoned for jury duty. I explained that, almost without exception, other judges, faced with this situation, preferred that these employees not serve on their juries. Judge McGowan concluded that he did not want [REDACTED] to serve; however, he explained that he rarely excuses individuals, that they are never excused without a request in writing, and that he would not excuse this individual without such a written request. He first wanted a letter from the cover organization, and after I explained the difficulty in accomplishing that, he asked for a letter from the Agency. After I explained that such a letter would have to be classified, he decided against it. After a rather lengthy discussion of this matter, we agreed that [REDACTED] could write a very short note to the Judge, and after receiving such note, the Judge would excuse him. The note should be as general and innocuous as possible as it does not have to justify the reason for the excuse. For example, it might read as follows:

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Dear Judge McGowan:

Recently, you summoned me for jury duty beginning 2 July 1973. Because of the press of my business, I respectfully request that I be excused from such duty. I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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2. As the date for the jury duty is imminent, the note should be delivered to the Judge (to his secretary, Diane Jensen) as soon this week as possible.

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[REDACTED]

Office of General Counsel

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cc [REDACTED] FR Support

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19 June 1973

The Honorable M. Raymond McGowan  
Assignment Judge  
Superior Court, Monmouth County  
Freehold, New Jersey

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Dear Judge McGowan:

This will serve to introduce to you  
an attorney on my staff who will give you details of a particularly  
sensitive matter that requires your attention.

We regard the relationship with us as very sensitive and  
requiring careful protection. We are most grateful for your time  
and attention to this matter.

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Sincerely,

Lawrence R. Houston  
General Counsel

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Original - Addressee (hand carried 6/26/73)

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